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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Centrally sponsored Schemes launched in Maharashtra during 98- 99, 99-2000 and 2000-2001 upto January to increase the agricultural production;

(b) whether the Government propose to take measures for greater rural infrastructure investment to help poor small time farmers to face challenging comparative advantages in the world trade; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with provision of funds during current and next financial years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Details of Centrally sponsored Schemesbeing implemented in Maharashtra during 1998-99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 are annexed. No new scheme other than the Centrally sponsored scheme on Macro Management has been introduced in Maharashtra during the above mentioned period to increase agriculture production.

(b): Some of the measures taken by the Government to increase rural infrastructure investment to help farmers to face the challenges of comparative advantages in World trade includes:-

1. Creation of the `Rural Infrastructure Development Fund` to enable the StateGovernments to complete the implementation of existing rural infrastructure projects.

2. Creation of a National Watershed Development Fund in the NABARD.

3. Introduction of capital investment subsidy scheme for cold storages and storages.

4. Promotion of agro processing activities through co-operative institutions.

5. Setting up of `National Innovation Foundation` with a corpus of Rs. 20 croresunder the Societies Registration Act 1860 to help India become an inventive and creative society.

6. Continuous monitoring of international prices and market trends to safeguard the interests of domestic producers.

7. To meet the demand for bringing in more crops under the purview of crop insurance, a new scheme entitled `Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana` has been introduced w.e.f. Rabi 1999-2000.

8. Kisan Credit Scheme has been introduced to facilitate access to credit from commercial banks and regional rural banks.

9. The General Insurance Corporation of India implements various cattle insurance programmes.

10. A scheme for Seed Crop Insurance has been introduced for identified crops insome major seed producing states with the help of the General Insurance Corporation of India.

11. Setting up of micro finance institutions such as Self Help Groups(SHGs), Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Credit Unions etc with the active involvement and support of NABARD.

12. Commercial Banks have been mandated to earmark 18 per cent of total annuallending to agriculture sector as part of priority lending.

(c): Under Macro Management Scheme a provision of Rs 100 crore has been keptfor Maharashtra during 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

ANNEXURE

Details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Maharashtra during 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001.

S.No. Name of Scheme

1. Intensive cotton development programme/Technology Mission on Cotton

2. National Pulses Development Project

3. Oilseed Production Programme

4. Accelerated Maize Development Programme

5. Integrated Cereal Development Programme Coarse-Cereals
6. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System

7 National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas

8. Balanced and Integrated use of Fertiliser

9. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among small farmers
10. State Land Use Boards
11. Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Project
12. Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
13. Use of Plastics in Agriculture
14. Development of Commercial Floriculture
15. Development of Mushroom
16. Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
17. Development of Root & Tuber Crops
18. Development of Vegetables
19. Integrated Development of Spices
20. Integrated Development Programme of Cashewnut
21. Development of Cocoa
22. Development of Beekeeping
23. Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives

Sl. No. 5 to 23 are being implemented under the Macro Management/Work Plan Approach w.e.f. 2000/2001.